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Re: MUR 5020; Additional Information On Behalf of MGM MIRAGE,
parent company of Mirage Resorts, Inc.

Dear Mr. Pedegar:

I am following up on our phone conversation in which you asked (1) what employee or executive at Mirage Resorts, Inc. ("Mirage") was the principal interface with the Gormley committee in organizing the Gormley for Senate event held at Le Cirque in February 2000; and (2) whether there were separate bills issued to the Gormley committee for the food and room rental charges.

On behalf of MGM MIRAGE ("MGM"), of which Mirage is now a wholly-owned subsidiary (having been acquired by MGM Grand, Inc., now known as MGM MIRAGE, on May 31, 2000), we provide the following.

As to the first question, we have confirmed that Skip Bronson, then an employee of Mirage, acted as Mirage's main interface with the Gormley committee in organizing the February 2000 event. Mr. Bronson is not an employee of either MGM MIRAGE or Mirage.

As to the second question, there were not separate documents relating to food and room rental charges. Rather, MGM believes there was a single receipt for the food and beverages totaling \$1,718.51. After adding the \$1,000 room rental (the maximum rental rate charged for such rooms at Le Cirque; in fact it is our understanding that the room rental fee is often waived entirely for customers), and subtracting the permissible \$1,000 food and beverage discount pursuant to 11 C.F.R. section 114.1(a)(2)(v), the amount due from the Gormley committee was \$1,718.51. This is the amount the Gormley committee paid.

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MGM would like to reiterate that it believes only 29 individuals attended the Gormley fund-raising event, and that this event was not a dinner event. Rather it was a light lunch event that commenced at 11:30 in the morning (no wine or other alcoholic beverages were served). Therefore, even after the discount, the Gormley committee paid nearly \$60 per person.

In the hope of resolving this matter expeditiously, MGM would also like again to emphasize that (1) the travel expenses of Mr. Gormley were not paid by Mirage or any related entity; and (2) although a few individuals from outside of Mirage's restricted class apparently did attend the Gormley event, MGM does not believe that Mirage provided any vendor, customer, or client list to the Gormley committee.

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We look forward to an expeditious resolution of this matter. Please feel free to call me at anytime at (415) 389-6800. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Steven S. Lucas

cc: Gary Jacobs, Esq. (by fax)
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